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TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT #5

Newest information highlighted in yellow.

The Hurricane Information Line will be activated until 6 p.m.

The number is (772) 462-2766. Residents should NOT call 911, except for emergencies.

Spanish speaking representative will be available.

St. Lucie County will hold their final press briefing at the Emergency Operations Center, located at 101 N. Rock Road in Fort Pierce, at 8 a.m. today.

Information is also available on the County's website at www.stlucieco.gov and on SLCTV Comcast channel 21 throughout the day, as well as the St. Lucie County School District's channel on Comcast channel 13, Adelphia channel 19 and Hometown Cable channel 19.

Storm Situation Report	05
Created (Date/Time):	Wednesday, August 30 – 8 a.m.
EOC Activation Level:	2-Partial

CURRENT SITUATION:

Tropical Storm Ernesto will be passing west of St. Lucie County during noon today. St. Lucie County can expect tropical storm force gusts in heavy rain squalls. The storm is expected to produce from 4-6" of rain. For more information, visit www.stlucieco.gov/eoc.

New Information:

- ☐ All St. Lucie County government offices will be open during regular business hours on Thursday, August 31 including the landfill.
- ☐ St. Lucie County Health Department will be open Thursday, August 31.
- ☐ United Way Director Karen Knapp, who also serves as the chairman of the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), has issued a call for volunteers. If you, your workplace, civic or church group would like to lend a hand in the event it is needed, call (772) 462-2095 beginning Thursday, August 31.

History

- ❑ Indian River Community College has canceled all evening classes, services and activities at all campuses on Tuesday, August 29. IRCC will be closed on Wednesday, August 30. All day and evening classes and activities will be canceled at all campuses. Students and staff should monitor WQCS-88.9 FM and the IRCC website at www.ircc.edu for further updates.
- ❑ The St. Lucie County Health Department closed today at 1 p.m. and will remain closed until Thursday, August 31. Operations will resume at 8 a.m. Thursday.
- ❑ St. Lucie County will issue NO evacuation orders for any area of the County.
- ❑ No General Shelters will open in St. Lucie County.
- ❑ St. Lucie County will NOT open the Special Needs Shelters.
- ❑ St. Lucie County will hold regular press briefings at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. daily until further notice.
- ❑ St. Lucie County government offices (including Board of County Commissioners' offices, Tax Collector's offices, Supervisor of Elections' office and Property Appraiser's offices), Port St. Lucie City Hall and Fort Pierce City Hall will close at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 29 and all day Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ The Port St. Lucie Early Voting location has been moved to the St. Lucie West Supervisor of Elections Office at 250 NW Country Club Drive in Port St. Lucie. Early voting will close at both locations (St. Lucie West and Orange Blossom Business Center) at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 29.
- ❑ All St. Lucie County Courts will be closed all day Tuesday, August 29 and Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ The St. Lucie County Clerk of Court offices will close Tuesday, August 29 at noon.
- ❑ St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll High School will close at noon on Tuesday, August 29 and be closed all day Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ For residents of North and South Hutchinson Island, return placards are available at the Fort Pierce Police Department, located at 920 S. U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce, during regular business hours Tuesday, August 29. Bring photo identification with current address.
- ❑ St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will be at partial activation Tuesday, August 29 at 8 a.m.
- ❑ Beginning at noon Monday, all political signs should be removed by noon Tuesday, August 29.
- ❑ All St. Lucie County Public Schools will have early dismissal on Tuesday, August 29 and be CLOSED Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ St. Lucie County has declared a local State of Emergency as of 8 a.m. Tuesday, August 29. St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will be at partial activation beginning Tuesday, August 29 at 8 a.m.
- ❑ All County government offices, including courts, will reopen during regular business hours on Thursday, August 31. Employees should call (772) 462-1100 for verification.
- ❑ St. Lucie County School District employees and students should monitor the District's website (www.stlucie.k12.fl.us) for information on when to return.
- ❑ Fort Pierce City Hall will close on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 1 p.m. and will remain closed on Wednesday, August 30. The City Marina and Indian Hills Golf Course will close at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29 and will remain closed on Wednesday, August

30. Fort Pierce Solid Waste is working on a regular schedule today with no service on Wednesday. Service will resume on Thursday, August 31.

- ❑ The St. Lucie County landfill will close on Wednesday, August 30 and reopen during regular hours on Thursday, August 31. There will be no garbage pickup Countywide on Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ At this point, there are no curfews in place. Depending on power outages after the storm, if any, law enforcement will review whether a curfew will be implemented.
- ❑ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) will leave power and water on to South Hutchinson Island customers. Power and water will stay on to all customers unless high winds or water damage equipment.
- ❑ St. Lucie County Utilities will be leaving water service on to North Hutchinson Island.
- ❑ Residents should listen to WQCS 88.9 FM at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. beginning Tuesday, August 29 for regularly scheduled updates. Information will also be available on the County's website at www.stlucieco.gov and on SLCTV Comcast Channel 21 throughout the day.